

Title:
SPPQ and the Development of the State Politics Field

Authors:
Michael Berkman, Professor, Penn State University, mbb1@psu.edu
Morrigan T. Herlihy, PhD Candidate, Penn State University, mth5492@psu.edu
Michael J. Nelson, Professor, Penn State University, mjn15@psu.edu

Codebook

A. Codebook for data file FourJournals_FINAL.csv

Note: All data obtained from journal websites and JSTOR, with our content analysis described in greater detail in the paper.

This dataset has 10,924 observations and 36 variables. The unit of analysis is the journal article.

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Label(s)	Source
journal	The journal where the article was published.	String variable.	See note above.
title	The title of the article.	String variable.	See note above.
statearticle	Whether the article concerns state politics.	0 = Not state politics 1 = State politics	See note above.
volume	The volume of the journal in which the article was published.	Discrete variable ranging from 1 to 119.	See note above.
year	The year of the journal in which the article was published.	Discrete variable ranging from 1960 to 2025.	See note above.
decade	The decade of the journal in which the article was published.	Discrete variable ranging from 1960 to 2010.	See note above.
authors	The names of the authors who published the article.	String variable.	See note above.

key	A unique identifier for each row in the data frame	String variable.	See note above.
abstract	The abstract of the article	String variable.	See note above.
numauthors	The number of authors who published the article.	Discrete variable ranging from 1 to 11.	See note above.
bureaucratic	Whether the article concerns bureaucratic politics.	0 = Not bureaucratic politics 1 = bureaucratic politics	See note above.
crimj	Whether the article concerns criminal justice policy.	0 = Not justice policy 1 = Justice policy	See note above.
directdem	Whether the article concerns direct democracy.	0 = Not direct democracy 1 = Direct democracy	See note above.
econ	Whether the article concerns economic policy.	0 = Not economic policy 1 = Economic policy	See note above.
educ	Whether the article concerns education policy.	0 = Not education policy 1 = Education policy	See note above.
elections	Whether the article concerns elections.	0 = Not elections 1 = Elections	See note above.
environ	Whether the article concerns environmental policy.	0 = Not environmental policy 1 = Environmental policy	See note above.
gender	Whether the article concerns gender politics.	0 = Not gender politics 1 = Gender politics	See note above.
govs	Whether the article concerns gubernatorial politics.	0 = Not gubernatorial politics 1 = Gubernatorial politics	See note above.
health	Whether the article concerns health policy.	0 = Not health policy 1 = Health policy	See note above.

ig	Whether the article concerns interest groups.	0 = Not interest groups 1 = Interest groups	See note above.
federalism	Whether the article concerns federalism.	0 = Not federalism 1 = Federalism	See note above.
judicial	Whether the article concerns judicial politics.	0 = Not judicial politics 1 = Judicial politics	See note above.
leg	Whether the article concerns legislative politics.	0 = Not legislative politics 1 = Legislative politics	See note above.
methods	Whether the article concerns methods.	0 = Not methods 1 = Methods	See note above.
morality	Whether the article concerns morality policy.	0 = Not morality policy 1 = Morality policy	See note above.
parties	Whether the article concerns parties.	0 = Not parties 1 = Parties	See note above.
policy	Whether the article concerns general policy.	0 = Not general policy 1 = General policy	See note above.
pubop	Whether the article concerns public opinion.	0 = Not public opinion 1 = Public opinion	See note above.
race	Whether the article concerns race politics.	0 = Not race politics 1 = Race politics	See note above.
anypolicy	Whether the article concerns policy across topics.	0 = Not policymaking 1 = Policy across topics	See note above.
mentionState	Whether the article mentions a state in its title.	0 = Does not mention a state 1 = Mentions a state	See note above.
mentionRegion	Whether the article mentions a region in its title.	0 = Does not mention a region 1 = Mentions a region	See note above.
mentionStateOrRegion	Whether the article mentions a region or state in its title.	0 = Does not mention a state or region 1 = Does mention a state or region	See note above.

paper	A 1 used for calculating group counts.	1	See note above.
numbercodes	The number of topics an article was assigned to.	Discrete variable ranging from 0 to 3	See note above.

B. Codebook for data file SPPC_FINAL.csv

Note: All data obtained from conference programs through contact with conference hosts, Section members, and conference websites. Topics hand coded by research assistants and authors, as described in the paper.

This dataset has 1781 observations and 35 variables. The unit of analysis is the conference paper.

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Label(s)	Source
year	The year of the conference in which the paper was presented.	Discrete variable ranging from 2002 to 2025.	See note above.
panel	The panel on which the paper was presented.	String variable.	See note above.
paper	A 1 used for calculating group counts.	1	See note above.
title	The title of the paper.	String variable.	See note above.
numauthors	The number of authors who published the article.	Discrete variable ranging from 1 to 11.	See note above.
author1	The name and affiliation of the first author.	String variable.	See note above.
author2	The name and affiliation of the second author.	String variable.	See note above.
author3	The name and affiliation of the third author.	String variable.	See note above.

author4	The name and affiliation of the fourth author.	String variable.	See note above.
author5	The name and affiliation of the fifth author.	String variable.	See note above.
author6	The name and affiliation of the sixth author.	String variable.	See note above.
author7	The name and affiliation of the seventh author.	String variable.	See note above.
author8	The name and affiliation of the eighth author.	String variable.	See note above.
bureaucratic	Whether the article concerns bureaucratic politics.	0 = Not bureaucratic politics 1 = bureaucratic politics	See note above.
crimj	Whether the article concerns criminal justice policy.	0 = Not justice policy 1 = Justice policy	See note above.
directdem	Whether the article concerns direct democracy.	0 = Not direct democracy 1 = Direct democracy	See note above.
econ	Whether the article concerns economic policy.	0 = Not economic policy 1 = Economic policy	See note above.
educ	Whether the article concerns education policy.	0 = Not education policy 1 = Education policy	See note above.
elections	Whether the article concerns elections.	0 = Not elections 1 = Elections	See note above.
environ	Whether the article concerns environmental policy.	0 = Not environmental policy 1 = Environmental policy	See note above.
gender	Whether the article concerns gender politics.	0 = Not gender politics 1 = Gender politics	See note above.
govs	Whether the article concerns	0 = Not gubernatorial politics	See note above.

	gubernatorial politics.	1 = Gubernatorial politics	
health	Whether the article concerns health policy.	0 = Not health policy 1 = Health policy	See note above.
ig	Whether the article concerns interest groups.	0 = Not interest groups 1 = Interest groups	See note above.
federalism	Whether the article concerns federalism.	0 = Not federalism 1 = Federalism	See note above.
judicial	Whether the article concerns judicial politics.	0 = Not judicial politics 1 = Judicial politics	See note above.
leg	Whether the article concerns legislative politics.	0 = Not legislative politics 1 = Legislative politics	See note above.
methods	Whether the article concerns methods.	0 = Not methods 1 = Methods	See note above.
morality	Whether the article concerns morality policy.	0 = Not morality policy 1 = Morality policy	See note above.
parties	Whether the article concerns parties.	0 = Not parties 1 = Parties	See note above.
policy	Whether the article concerns general policy.	0 = Not general policy 1 = General policy	See note above.
pubop	Whether the article concerns public opinion.	0 = Not public opinion 1 = Public opinion	See note above.
race	Whether the article concerns race politics.	0 = Not race politics 1 = Race politics	See note above.
anypolicy	Whether the article concerns policy across topics.	0 = Not policymaking 1 = Policy across topics	See note above.
numbercodes	The number of topics an article was assigned to.	Discrete variable ranging from 0 to 3	See note above.